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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO-1449).

The cited references were called to Applicants' attention in a Search Report in European Patent Appln. No. 03 015 624.4, which is a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of that search report is also enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

English abstracts of the cited Japanese references are also provided.

To date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action, and so this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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